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TAGS: IMCO, PBOR, ETRN, SENV

SUBJECT: IMCO CONFERENCE: LOS ISSUES: POLISH POSITION

REF: (A) WARSAW 5588; (B)LONDON 12260; (C) STATE 209908

1. DCM WAS CALLED TO MFA TODAY TO RECEIVE POLISH ANSWER TO OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE OF OCTOBER 26. AMBASSADOR WITEK SAID THAT POLES, AS PROMISED, HAD STUDIED OUR POSITION CAREFULLY AND CONSULTED WITH THEIR LONDON DELEGATION. THEY MUST OBSERVE THAT US OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ARTICLE VIII WORDING HAD ARISEN LATE IN THE DAY AND CLEARLY REPRESENTED CHANGE FROM US PRELIMINARY POSITIONS DEVELOPED IN PRE-CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AND PAPERS. POLES FOUND THEMSELVES IN DIFFICULT POSITION AND COULD NOT BE ONLY BALTIC STATE TO OPPOSE CURRENT ARTICLE VIII FORMULATION. THEY HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT US COULD DEVISE AND PROPOSE COMPROMISE WORDING FOR ARTICLE VIII WHICH POLES WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT PROVIDED IT COULD ATTRACT SUPPORT OF MAJORITY OF CONFEREES, INCLUDING AT LEAST SOME OTHER BALTIC STATES. US DELEGATION WOULD FIND POLES WILLING TO COOPERATE IN
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DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO POSSIBLE COMPROMISE SOLUTION.

2. COMMENT: WE WERE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT POLES
FIND CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN US POSITION OPPOSING
ARTICLE VIII AND ARE SOMEWHAT BAFFLED THAT OTHER
MARITIME STATES IN THE BALTIC AREA ARE PREPARED TO
SUPPORT CURRENT WORDING. HOWEVER, IN THIS PERIOD
BETWEEN GDANSK CONFERENCE AND FORTHCOMING HELSINKI
CONFERENCE OF BALTIC STATES, POLES DO NOT WISH TO
DISTURB DEVELOPING UNITY OF ACTION ON MARITIME MATTERS
IN THIS GEOGRAPHIC AREA.
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